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Title deeds for 10,060 houses in February

Housing Minister V. Somanna holds review meeting; fixes responsibilities

Housing Minister V. Somanna, who chaired a review meeting in city this morning, seen with MP Pratap Simha and MLAs S.A. Ramdas, Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, Anil Chikkamadu, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah and H.P. Manjunath. Picture right shows a section of officials.

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (RK,RKB,DM &BCT)- At a review meeting of his department held at the Zilla Panchayat Hall in city this morning, Housing Minister V. Somanna asked officials to prepare the list of 10,060 beneficiaries in Mysuru who will get title deeds next month under the housing schemes launched by the State Government.

Examining the progress of various housing schemes, the Minister asked the officials to send the list of 10,060 beneficiaries for the revised scheme launched for this financial year by Jan. 31 so that title deeds can be distributed to them next month. The tentative dates fixed for title deed distribution are Feb. 12 and Feb. 14.

The meeting was attended by all the MLAs and MLCs except for K.R. Nagar and Periyapatna MLAs. The Minister asked the officials to check the genuinity of the beneficiaries before the list is prepared. "The first step is transparency and the second is genuinity. Government houses must not reach the wrong hands," he warned.

Earlier, the Minister visited Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill where he sought the blessings of Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. Before reaching Suttur Mutt, Somanna visited Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill and offered prayers to the deity.

Speaking to reporters at Suttur Mutt, Somanna asserted that the Mekedatu Project will be implemented by the BJP Government at any cost.

(See HOUSES on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Republic Day musings on India's march since Independence."*** *—Ed*

Soon, women drivers to collect garbage

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (MK&BCT)- Women will soon be driving garbage collection vans and visiting houses of 65 Wards in the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to collect waste. This 'wheels of independence' is an attempt at inclusivity by the MCC that is in the race to regain its Cleanest City tag.

This will be a first-of-its-kind attempt in Mysuru where women will take a larger role in order to make communities clean while also empowering them to be self-sufficient and not to always depend on male drivers.

As of now, there are 233 auto tipper garbage collection vehicles that move in all the 65 Wards picking up home-to-home waste. The MCC has placed an order to procure 65 more auto tippers and all these new ones will be driven by women.

"Our main intention of providing vehicles to these women is that the MCC wanted to increase the efficiency of waste pickers. It helps to distribute manpower and decrease dependency on male drivers. The proposal will be placed before the MCC Council for approval and the project will see the light of the day."

—G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Commissioner, MCC

Of the 2,000-odd Pourakarmikas that are deputed for garbage cleaning, 850 are women. All the vehicles — both three-wheelers and four wheelers — that are used to collect garbage are driven by men and some women Pourakarmikas operate push-carts to collect waste as they are not trained in driving.

MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj told *SOM* that the women in the driver's seat scheme will be enforced on an experimental basis and once the 65 new vehicles come, they will be handed over to the trained women drivers. A survey is on to identify women Pourakarmikas who have driving licences, he said.

The survey will also list the women who express interest and they will be trained in driving. Later, they will be deputed to drive the solid waste management vehicles in different wards, he added. They will drive the solid waste collection vehicles and ensure segregation of the waste.

Heli Tourism project takes off; MoUs inked

Bengaluru, Jan. 24 (BCT)- To attract domestic and international tourists to experience the rich tourism and ecological diversity of Karnataka, the Karnataka State Tourism Department has launched the ambitious Heli Tourism project connecting places of tourist interest.

The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) yesterday signed MoUs with two helicopter operators — Thumby Aviation Pvt. Ltd. and Chipsan Aviation Pvt. Ltd. — for the Heli Tourism project and the agreements are valid for five years.

These helicopters will connect tourists with many tourist destinations including Mysuru, Kabini, Kodagu and Chikkamagalur in South Karnataka with many places in the north and will be available at affordable prices, said officials. Karnataka is home to a number of historical and religious places, wildlife parks, hill stations and waterfronts. Plans are on to prepare a Heli Tourism Circuit.

Tourism Secretary Pankaj Kumar Pandey, who is at the helm of the project, said, "KSTDC will provide support to these agencies to obtain various Government approvals and permits, certification, etc., and also help to link up with luxury hotels and resorts in the State."

(See TOURISM on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 24th January 2022

State to get 160 more medical seats this year

Bengaluru, Jan.24- In some good news for medical aspirants, the State will get 160 more MBBS seats under Government quota this academic year (2022).

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has granted approval for admission to new courses at Chikkaballapur Government Medical College. This apart, the NMC, has also approved admission of 150 students for MBBS course at a Private Medical College in Mangaluru, out of which the admission to 60 seats will be under Government quota. At present, more than 8,000 MBBS seats are available at 48 Medical Colleges in the State.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the counselling for medical seats will commence from Jan.27 and will continue till Mar.31.

Online UGC NET/SET exam coaching classes

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (SSM) - The Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru, will be conducting three months online coaching classes for UGC NET/SET examination which are compulsory eligibility criteria for the post of Assistant Professor and Ph.D.

The classes will commence from Feb. 1 (Monday to Saturday). Interested candidates may enroll before Jan. 31. The applications may be submitted using the Google form link *https://forms.gle/MfkgVkEG-Bu9ca2Qm8*. The registration fee for the general students is Rs. 1,500 and SC/ST students/ Catergory-1 is Rs. 750. The online payment can be done using the website link *https://www.onlinesbi.com/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=2933157*.

The class schedule for the coaching are: General Paper coaching between 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm. Sanskrit Language paper (Code No. 25) coaching between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm. For details contact Dr. B. Anupama on Mob: 93797-79278 or S. Ramesh on Mob: 97439-93835 or H.S. Arunkumar on Mob: 90085-07180.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There's no denying that COVID is reshaping social behaviour in multiple ways, the full extent of which will only be known decades down the line. But a clear visible trend is the self-isolation-induced networked lives we have begun to live. From work-from-home to Zoom parties, the pandemic has ensured that a huge chunk of our daily lives is now lived online. But trust big tech to push the envelope even further. 'Metaverse' is the new buzzword with the concept entailing the creation of shared, immersive virtual reality spaces. So one can sit in the comfort of one's home, put on a VR headset that will generate an avatar, and attend meetings with similarly connected colleagues, or take a stroll down the beaches of Goa with friends, or go on that romantic date with your significant other in Milan — all virtually! Essentially, metaverse promises to truly blur the lines between reality and virtual reality, erasing the constraints of space and distance.

But the multibillion dollar question is whether metaverse will one day become the dominant mode of social interactions? Is virtually walking into the world's best restaurant the same as going there in person? Or has sci-fi-inspired big tech found a new gimmick to further enrich themselves and undercut the real world? But tech's bets have gone wrong before. We sure hope this one does, too.

—In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

The Crooked Bush of Saskatchewan

Hafford: Saskatchewan's Crooked Bush, a small grove of aspen trees that grew in a very unusual way has fascinated both tourists and scientists for years.

Aspen trees don't usually grow crooked. Like most other threes, they grow straight up, towards the sun, but not the specimens that make up the Crooked Bush. Located near Hafford, in Canada's Saskatchewan province, this anomaly is the world's only known crooked aspen tree grove.

The strange appearance of the trees was first observed in the 1940s and it has since attracted thousands of tourists to this place. The advent of the internet only made the Crooked Bush more popular and there is now even a wooden walkway that visitors can use to avoid stepping on new growth.

Man sets bank on fire after being denied loan

Bengaluru: Karnataka Police recently arrested a disgruntled charity worker accused of setting fire to a bank after being denied a loan.

A 33-year-old charity worker from Haveri, approached the nationalised bank for a loan in December of last year. His application was eventually denied, because of discrepancies in the submitted paperwork which broke the bank's credit policy.

The accused allegedly didn't take the news too kindly, riding his motorcycle to the bank on Jan. 9, he broke open a window sprayed a flammable liquid inside and set the building on fire.

Firefighters managed to douse the fire, but Police informed that five computers, fans, passbook printers, cash counting machines and lights were damaged. The accused has been charged with arson and is awaiting punishment.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Folate (folic acid): It helps the body to form healthy red blood cells. Folic acid deficiency can lead to a weakened immune system. Folate reduces the risk of unusual birth defects in unborn babies.

Source: broccoli, brussels sprouts, leafy green vegetables, such as cabbage, kale, spring greens and spinach, beans, peas, chickpeas, and kidney beans.

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Former High Court Judge K.L. Manjunath passes away

K.L. Manjunath

Bengaluru, Jan. 24- Former Karnataka High Court Judge K.L. Manjunath (68) passed away here late on Saturday night.

He was currently serving as Chairman of Karnataka River and Border Protection Authority.

Justice (retd.) Manjunath, during his long legal career, served as an advocate and President of Advocates Association before being elevated as a Judge of Karnataka High Court in 2000.

Post-retirement in 2015, he also served as Chairman of Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Commission. He was appointed as Chairman of Karnataka River and Border Protection Authority during the previous JD(S)-Congress coalition Government.

Judge Manjunath hailed from Kantharajapura village in Channarayapatna taluk of Hassan district.

Last rites were performed at his farmland near Kempalinganahalli on Nelamangala-Kunigal road on Sunday.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar were among those who condoled his death.

REALLY...?

- *A lobster's brain is located in its throat with its teeth located in its stomach. Its nervous system is located in its abdomen, and its kidneys are located in its head. It also tastes with its feet.*
- *Sea sponges have no head, mouth, eyes, bones, heart, lungs, or brains and yet they are alive.*
- *Female cockroaches can make their own babies without the help of any male cockroach. Of course, the babies would turn out to be all females.*
- *Some newborn ducks think the first thing they see is their mother whether or not it's a duck. This is because of imprinting, and ducks have been known to imprint on numerous things ranging from humans to cardboard boxes.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

In New York, a man was watching a movie at home and suddenly shouts nooooooooooooo!! Don't go inside the church, it's a trap!!
Wife: *What are you watching?*
Man: *Our wedding DVD !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.62
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.04
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.31
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.48

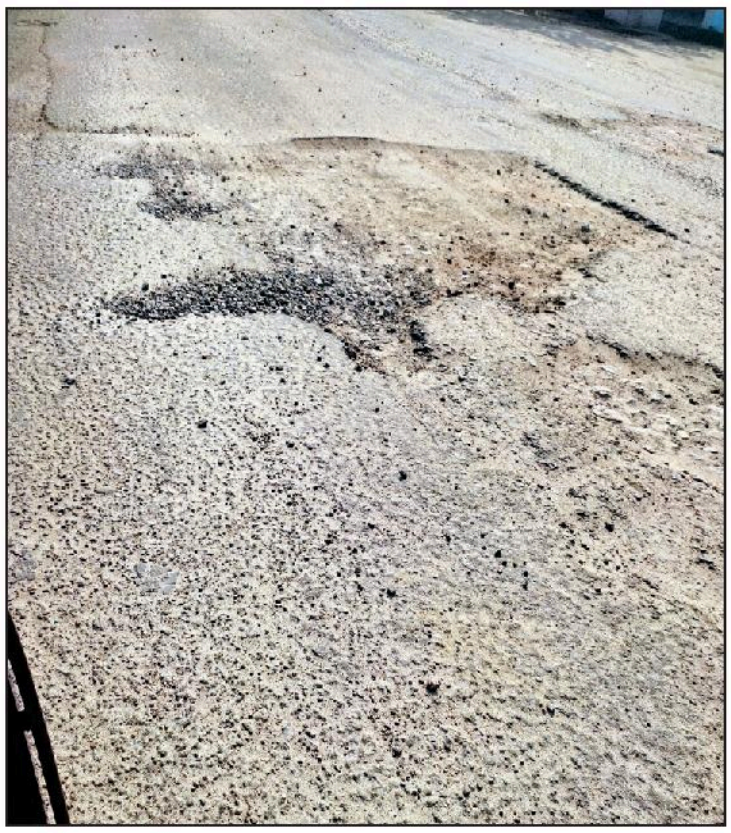
COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 23
Day's Positive Cases	4,601	4,359
Total Positive Cases	1,98,671	2,03,030
Day's Discharges	1,050	437
Total Discharges	1,83,694	1,84,131
Day's Deaths	1	1
Total Deaths	2,451	2,452
Total Active Cases	12,526	16,447

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Re-asphalt General K.S. Thimayya Road in Vijayanagar



Sir,

I am a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage and I am writing this letter in order to raise an issue the people in my locality are facing due to the bad conditions of General K.S. Thimayya Road which leads to the Kalidasa Road.

Despite being the main road, there are a lot of potholes on this stretch. As there are two public schools situated on this road, the students and parents often get aggravated as they are stuck here in traffic and a lot of accidents take place because of these potholes.

People living in this locality have represented this situation to the authorities concerned but no action has been taken so far to re-asphalt the road.

I hope the MCC authorities will take necessary steps to improve the condition of this road.

—N. Jonathan Daniel
Vijayanagar 19.1.2022

75 new NCC Units to come up in Karnataka: Bommai

Bengaluru, Jan. 24 (Agencies)- Karnataka will start 75 new Units of the National Cadets Corps (NCC) in Schools and Colleges and induct 7,500 more cadets into the force this year, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Sunday.

The CM was speaking at a function held to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Bommai said the youths would have been more patriotic had the country identified leaders like Netaji, Chandrashekar Azad and Bhagat Singh as its "frontline freedom fighters."

He said the State Government would bear Rs. 12,000 expenditure on each of the new 7,500 cadets. The Government would seek the Defence Ministry's approval to bear the entire cost of augmenting the NCC. NCC Units in High Schools would be carried forward to Colleges with plans to raise the number of cadets to over 50,000 from the current 44,000 cadets next year. "We need the approval of the Defence Ministry for this and we are confident of obtaining it," the CM said.

Relaunching the flying school after a gap of six years, Bommai said that it was important for the school to remain active to protect the aerodrome. "The Government has decided to train 100 young pilots and a new twin engine trainer aircraft has also been purchased. We will try to provide additional land to make the runway safe and full-fledged," he said.

The work on restarting the flying school had been completed in just six months, and the Government intends to offer pilot training to 100 youths every year. Courses will commence next week. The 874 metre runway has been made functional while five single engine aircraft have been repaired besides purchase of a new Rs. 5 crore twin engine aircraft, the CM added.

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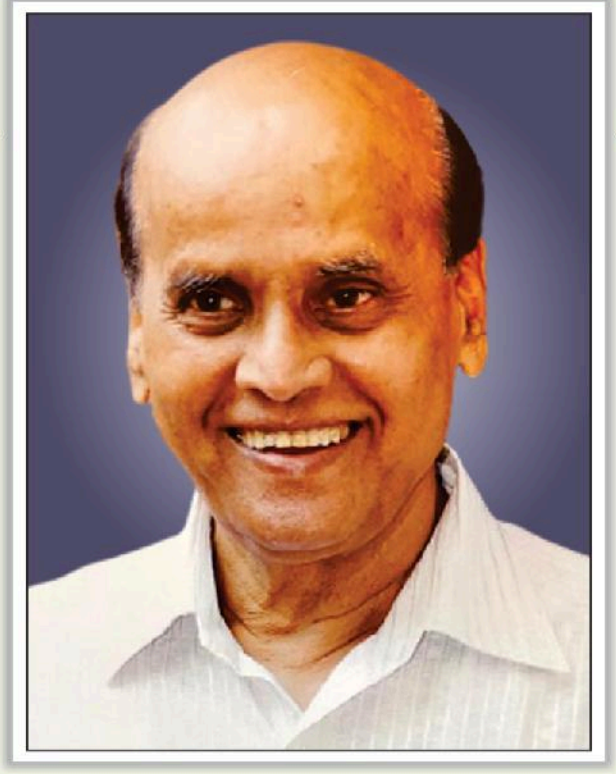

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to 4th quarterly maintenance work at Devanur Power Distribution Centre tomorrow (Jan. 25) between 10 am and 5 pm, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas: Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Galigara Hundi, Nehru Nagar, DTS Rao Nagar, opposite VTU College, Sunpure Layout, Sathagalli 'B' Zone, VTU College, Bharat Nagar and surrounding areas, according to press release from the CESC Executive Engineer.

Birth anniversary

The Management of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Fan Club, have decided to celebrate the 123rd birth anniversary of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle in Mysuru on Jan. 28 at 9 am. The celebrations will be held in a simple manner and as per COVID norms, according to a press release.

Nenapu-Namana

The Department of Kannada and Culture has organised a Nenapu-Namana programme for late Dalit poet Dr. Siddalingaiah at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises on Jan. 26 at 10.30 am. Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Chennappa will inaugurate the programme. Public Speaker Anand and Columnist Harakumar will be the guests. Dr B.R. Ambedkar Research & Extension Centre Coordinator Dr. S. Narendra Kumar will preside.

Jal Bhavan inauguration: Cong. accuses District Minister of protocol violation

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (MTY&DM)- Accusing District Minister S.T. Somashekar of protocol violation in the inauguration of Jal Bhavan and other Government programmes, the Congress has warned of showing black flags whenever the District Minister arrives in Mysuru on an official visit.

Addressing a joint press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here on Saturday, Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath charged District Minister Somashekar of visiting the district only for flag hoisting and such other programmes. Maintaining that the District Minister was merely inaugurating works that were launched when Siddharamaiah was the Chief Minister, Manjunath contended that there is no major contribution from the District Minister for development of Mysuru district.

Pointing out that Siddharamaiah as the Chief Minister had sanctioned Rs. 22,365 crore special grants for the district and Rs. 3,800 crore for Mysuru city alone, Manjunath demanded a white paper on the contribution of the District Minister.

Referring to the inauguration of Jal Bhavan in the city, the Hunsur MLA said that Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj and the District Minister recently inaugurated the Jal Bhavan, the foundation stone of which was laid by Siddharamaiah when he was the Chief Minister. But the KUWS&DB authorities, who had organised the inauguration programme, have forgotten the former Chief Minister and also ignored Congress MLAs from the district, which is a clear violation of protocol.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House in city on Saturday.

Asserting that it was Siddharamaiah who had sanctioned funds for the Jal Bhavan, the MLA observed that it was ridiculous that the name of the former CM was not mentioned in the invitation of the inaugural programme. Seeking action against errant officials, he warned of staging black flags whenever the District Minister happens to visit Mysuru.

Manjunath also charged the Government of collecting 50 percent as commission for awarding contracts.

H.D. Kote MLA C. Anil Kumar said that the officials should have invited him for the programme as he was an MLA from the district. Contending that H.D. Kote has been given a raw deal in developmental programmes, he said that it was an insult for the people of the constituency. Accusing the Government of rampant discrimination in the sanction of funds for H.D. Kote, he said that the taluk, which is considered as most backward, is being rendered injustice by the present BJP Government.

Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah said that the rural population of the district have been insulted as most of the MLAs from the district were not invited for Jal Bhavan inauguration programme. Charging the officials of discrimination, he wanted to know why the names of Congress and other rural MLAs of the district did not find mention in the invitation.

Asserting that the Congress Legislators were supporting the Government in the battle against the deadly COVID pandemic, he said that the BJP Government was discriminating against Congress MLAs in the allocation of funds.

He cited the example of his own Varuna constituency which has got a mere Rs. 8 lakh, while other constituencies of the district such as Periyapatna and Chamaraja had got huge funds.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, leader Mahesh and others were present at the meet.

Man succumbs to burns

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (KS)- A man, who had sustained severe burns while lighting fire to heat water on Jan. 15, has succumbed to injuries at K.R. Hospital on Saturday.

The deceased is Suresh (34), a resident of Vajamangala village in the taluk. On Jan. 15 (Sankranti festival), Suresh, who reportedly came home drunk, was asked by his family members to take bath. He then went to the bathroom to heat water and poured diesel on firewood and lit fire resulting in flames engulfing him causing severe burn injuries.

He was immediately rushed to K.R. Hospital and was admitted in the Burns Ward, where he succumbed last Saturday (Jan. 22). A case has been registered at Varuna Police Station.

Rider killed as two bikes collide

head-on near Jayanagar under-bridge

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (RK&KS)- A bike rider was killed, while another rider sustained serious head injuries, when their bikes collided head-on near Jayanagar under-bridge last night.

While the deceased has been identified as Darshan Kumar (31), a resident of T.K. Layout and a contract employee at MCC, another rider, who has sustained serious injuries, is Shivakumar and he has been admitted to K.R. Hospital. Yesterday at about 10.45 pm, Darshan was proceeding on his Bajaj Pulsar bike from Ballal Circle side towards the underbridge, when Shivakumar, riding his Pulsar bike from Jayanagar under-bridge side, collided head-on with Darshan's bike resulting in both the riders sustaining serious injuries. Though Darshan was rushed to K.R. Hospital, the doctors declared him brought dead.

Post-mortem was conducted this morning at MMC&RI mortuary and the body was handed over to the family members. K.R. Traffic Police, who have registered a case, have seized both the bikes and are investigating.

Obituary

B. Krishna Bhat

Mysuru, Jan. 24- B. Krishna Bhat (83), Proprietor of the then Hotel Mayura at Shivarampet, passed away this morning in Mangaluru. He had served as the President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association from 1994 to 1996.

He leaves behind his wife Yashodha Bhat, two sons and two daughters. Last rites were held in Mangaluru this afternoon.

T.N. Krishnamurthy

T.N. Krishnamurthy (83), a resident of Kuvempunagar 'M' Block, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons and a daughter. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Ravi Kiran

Ravi Kiran (25), son of late Hemanth Navalkar and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away on Saturday following a heart attack.

An employee of L&T, Ravi leaves behind his mother, elder brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jayanagar Burial Grounds yesterday.

Ballachanda B. Subramani

Ballachanda B. Subramani (63), son of B.C. Belliappa (Bollu) and a resident of Dattagalli, passed away yesterday following a heart attack at Bahrain.

He leaves behind his wife and a son. Last rites will be held in city after the arrival of the body from Bahrain.

Biddanda Suresh Thimmaiah

Pollibetta (Kodagu): Biddanda Suresh Thimmaiah (65), a resident of Chennayankote in Pollibetta, Kodagu, passed away on Saturday night at his residence.

He leaves behind his wife Prami, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Pollibetta yesterday afternoon.

Basavaraju

T. Narasipur: Basavaraju (72), former President of Taluk Madiwala Sangha and Proprietor of Alankar Dry Cleaners, passed away at his residence in Srirampura Layout in the town yesterday.

He leaves behind son Mahesh (Secretary of Madiwala Sangha) and two daughters.

Last rites were performed at Madiwala Burial Grounds in the town this morning.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	121.04 feet
Yesterday	:	121.26 feet
Inflow	:	878 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,028 cusecs

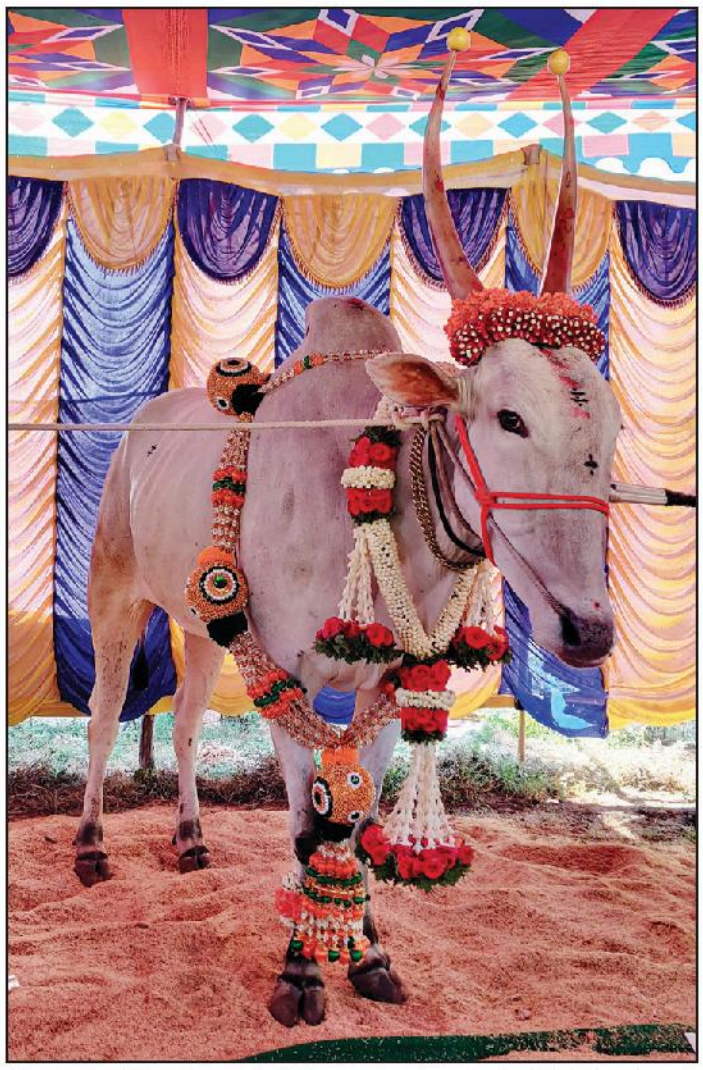
KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,282.68 feet
Inflow	:	188 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,856.46 feet
Inflow	:	193 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Hallikar breed ox sold for a record Rs. 7.75 lakh at Srirangapatna



Srirangapatna, Jan. 24 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A seven-year-old Hallikar breed ox belonging to Vinod, son of farmer Suresh of Palahalli village, has been sold for a record Rs. 7.75 lakh to one Manju of Tegur village in Chikkamagalur.

The ox, named King Gagan, has taken part in more than 80 cart races and had won many prizes. Vinod used to take King Gagan along with his partner to races across the State and Manju, who was impressed with the name and fame of King Gagan, bought him for a high price. Manju said that he would pair King Gagan with another ox for car races in future.

Vinod had purchased King Gagan for Rs. 4.5 lakh about a year back and had taken care of it well. The ox sold for a whooping Rs. 7.75 lakh has raised the eyebrows of the villagers.

Hallikar is a breed of cattle native to Karnataka. It derives its name from the Hallikar community traditionally known for their cattle rearing. It is commonly found in the traditional Hallikar belt of Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Tumakuru districts. Hallikar cattle is one of the two breeds, along with Amrit Mahal which have received the royal patronage and care from the erstwhile rulers of the princely State of Mysore through conservation and development.

Meanwhile, farmer Vinu said that the calf of Hallikar breed is fed with horse gram, groundnut hindi, chickpea husk, boosa, corn, milk, egg, green grass and other nutritious feed to make the calf strong and healthy. The Government should come forward to encourage the development of Hallikar breed, he added.

During the sale of King Gagan, hundreds of people from various districts in the State and from other States had come to have a glimpse of this Hallikar breed King Gagan and lunch was organised to all of them.

Taluk Youth Congress leader Hosahundiwadi Sanjay, Anand, Naveen and Habbu Vinod of Palahalli, Umesh, Neerole Harish and Naveen of Chikkamagalur and villagers were present.

Leopardess caught in fence rescued

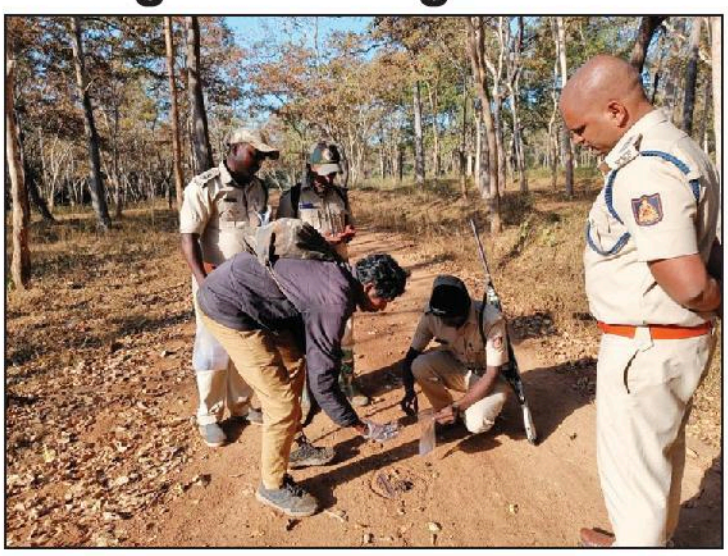
Saragur, Jan. 24 (Nagesh&KS)- A four-year-old leopardess, which was caught in the fence that was erected around a banana plantation at Mullur village in the taluk, has been rescued by the Forest Department yesterday. The leopardess has suffered injuries on its legs and is being treated at Hediyala Range Forest Office.

One Harish, who had taken the land on contract basis, had planted banana saplings and had fenced the area to prevent wild animals from raiding the plantation. He was staying in the farm house close to the plantation and yesterday at about 6 am, he heard a strange sound coming near the banana plantation and on inspecting the place, he found a leopardess caught in the fence. He immediately informed the matter to the Forest Department staff.

Forest Department personnel, who rushed to the spot, tranquillised the leopardess and freed it from the fence at about 11 am yesterday. As the animal was injured on its legs, it was taken to the Forest Office for treatment. Forest officials said that the leopardess would be released into the forests today (Monday).

Saragur Police Sub-Inspector Shravanadas Reddy, forest staff, Gram Panchayat President Govindachar and members Shivachennappa, Mahesh and others were present.

Tiger estimation exercise begins at Nagarahole



Hunsur, Jan. 24 (Raghu, Mahesh &KS)- The National Tiger Estimation exercise began at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve forest yesterday morning and eight ranges would be covered in the first phase of the exercise, said Forest officials.

There are a total of 91 beats and the Forest staff will cover 5 km daily on foot and will cover 15 km till Jan. 25. Apart from tigers, the staff will also indulge in counting of elephants and gaurs. Following COVID pandemic, no volunteers have been taken for the estimation exercise and the findings would be directly documented using M-Stripes Ecological App.

More than 300 staff including 18 Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs), 73 Forest Guards and 182 Forest Watchers have been deployed who would not only take count of tigers but also of other big herbivores by direct sightings, through dung, pug marks, footprints and other means.

Estimation exercise through line transact from Jan. 27

The tiger estimation exercise through line transact will commence from Jan. 27 during the second phase of the tiger estimation exercise.

The area has been divided into two blocks. The first block comprises Hunsur, Veeranahosahalli, Anechowkur and Metikuppe which will be covered in three days. The second block comprises Nagarahole, Kallahalla, Antharasanthe and D.B. Kuppe, which will also be covered in three days.

At Bandipur

On the second day of the exercise at Bandipur yesterday, no direct sighting of tigers took place and the Forest staff are documenting the findings through pug marks, scat, dung of herbivores and other means.

The staff are covering Block-1 from Jan. 22 to 27 and the findings will be analysed on the seventh day.

Today being the third day, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. V. Karikalan is personally taking part in the estimation exercise

at Bandipur and Gopalaswamy Hill Ranges.

Counting at BRT from Jan. 27

The counting of tigers at Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Tiger (BRT) Reserve will begin from Jan. 27 and preparations have been made for the smooth conduct of the exercise. During the 2018 counting, about 52 to 80 tigers were identified in the area and the count may go up this year.

Tiger estimation to conclude at Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary on Feb. 15

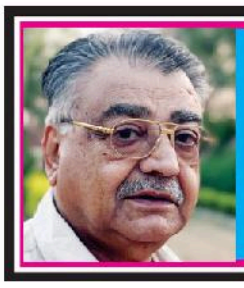
The tiger estimation exercise at Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, which began in the month of November-December, 2021, will conclude on Feb. 15.

Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary is likely to be identified as a Tiger Reserve Forest and the estimation exercise has reached its final stages. The exercise is likely to conclude on Feb. 15 or 16, said DCF V. Yedukondalu.

The counting of tigers through camera traps has concluded in Hanur Sub-Division. Tigers have also been sighted in other seven ranges of the sanctuary and even cubs have been spotted. It is estimated that there are more than 20 tigers in these seven ranges.

For the counting process, the Wildlife Sanctuary was divided into three divisions and as of now, camera trapping procedures was undertaken in the 450 grid in which about 150 staff took part.

In the last phase, counting will be held through more than 110 line transacts and Sign Surveys and preparations have been done, the DCF added.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Republic Day musings on India's march since Independence

Some intellectuals are of the opinion that we must trust people and take their advice. Dr. U.R. Ananthamurthy was one such intellectual. In one of his Durbars with his courtiers he was asked what should be done when they are cheated going by their advice. Dr. Ananthamurthy's answer was to the point: 'Well, first verify and then trust.' Well said, but this approach in dealing with friends and VIPs is mired in self-doubt. 'What would the friend or the VIP think of me? So I will trust them and go according to their advice.' Let me give one example. Our first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was a victim of such trust and advice.

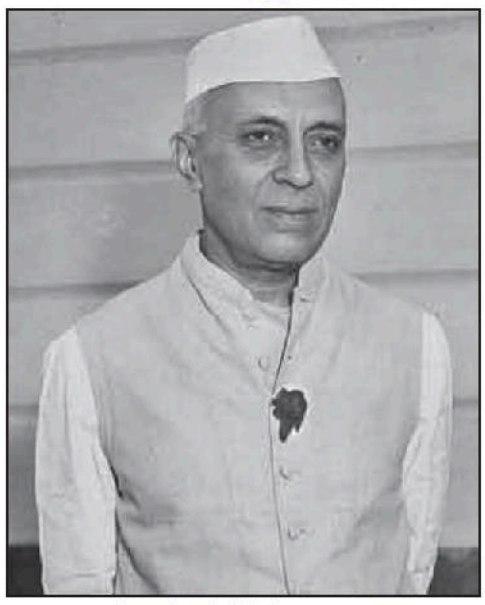
This is what happened to our first Prime Minister, refined and sophisticated, a philosopher-statesman-politician, at the time of making a decision about taking back militarily the PoK, in October 1947 and also in the matter of Hyderabad and even Goa.

In the matter of Kashmir and Hyderabad, Nehru trusted his friend and Governor General of India at that time, Lord Mountbatten, took his advice and made India suffer. Obviously Nehru did not verify the credentials of the Englishman.

As a democrat and a secularist, Nehru went with the Congress Working Committee's (CWC) majority decision ignoring Mahatma Gandhi's objection to the partition of the country and also of Jayaprakash Narayan, Maulana Azad and Abdul Ghaffar Khan. Of course, there was no national debate on the partition of India as any Indian would have expected.

Nehru and his advisers had agreed for plebiscite in J&K simply because, at the Security Council, Pakistan's skilled Foreign Minister Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan questioned the validity of Kashmir's accession to India. Nehru's men in the Security Council could not counter this illegitimate argument of Pakistan. Yes, there were conditions for holding the plebiscite but neither party fulfilled them and the question of plebiscite made mere noise in the successive Security Council meetings and nothing more.

Lord Mountbatten



Jawaharlal Nehru

Subhas Chandra Bose

Nehru thus trusted the wisdom of the CWC and also of the Security Council and India lost. Apparently neither Nehru nor the CWC or the Security Council had the patience to verify the pros and cons of their hurriedly taken decision.

Be that as it may, I read an interesting episode involving Nehru and the American President Harry Truman, as recorded by Dore Gold, former Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, in his book 'Tower of Babble'. **He writes that according to Nehru, J&K was more than a territorial dispute.** When we see what has been happening in J&K since then, including the fate of Kashmir Pundits and other minorities, Nehru's apprehension seems to be correct.

"In a meeting with President Harry Truman in October 1949, Prime Minister Nehru frankly admitted that determining the fate of Kashmir **"on a religious basis"** would be **destabilising for India,** for it "would have a deeply unsettling effect upon the Muslims living in India." Nehru realised that if Kashmir was excluded from India simply because it had a Muslim majority, Indian Muslims would experience doubts about the Government's commitment to Secularism. In short, the Kashmir dispute touched on the very foundations of the Indian State as a Secular Nation."

In other words, Nehru, as a visionary leader, foresaw then the possibility of the "deeply unsettling effect upon Muslims living in India" if the fate of Kashmir was determined "on a religious basis."

If this was the line of thinking of Nehru about Kashmir, how could he have "messed up" the Pakistani aggression by going to the UN instead of finding a military solution as advised by his Generals and why his representatives in UN Security Council treated the complaint as a "dispute" and not as an "aggression"? India should have asked the UN for relief by asking Pakistan to first vacate the aggression. Here is what Dore Gold writes and we cannot blame Nehru:

"Since Pakistani forces were involved in a conflict on Indian territory, Nehru considered expanding the confrontation into a full scale counter-attack against Pakistan. **But Lord Mountbatten (Governor General of India then and also Nehru's close friend) persuaded him to go to the UN instead.** He convinced Nehru that the UN would promptly direct Pakistan to withdraw the raiders who had invaded Kashmir. So on January 1, 1948, India turned to the UN Security Council."

Sadly India got damned. Nehru who trusted his friend Lord Mountbatten and political colleagues, without verifying their motives or intentions, was disillusioned. The motives of British and US were suspect as they did not want to displease the Muslims in Middle-East where they had just then divided Palestine. Apparently, Lord Mountbatten loved his country more than his friend Nehru and India!

These are my thoughts for the Republic Day gleaned from books written by those who participated in the happenings or in the know of history.

As I was watching TV channels last evening at 6 with Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiling the hologram statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose near India Gate, I was reminiscing about India's march before Independence.

There were many freedom fighters of differing ideologies to throw the British out. The most important among them after 1930 were Mahatma Gandhi who pioneered peaceful, non-violent path to achieve freedom, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a moderate and Gandhij's blue eyed boy, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and, of course, last but not the least Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the radical who decided to fight the British with his Indian National Army (INA) with the support of the Axis powers in the II World War, specially Japan.

When the British handed over power in 1947 to the Congress after a bloody division of the country (where did the peace go all of a sudden?), the nation was given the impression that it was Congress party led by Gandhiji, Nehru and those few on the ship of Congress who got us the freedom and others were forgotten. There was no effort on the part of the Nehru (or Congress) government for the next many decades, till 2014 when Modi came to power, to tell the new generation of Indians about others who fought for freedom and even gave their life. Netaji was one such tall leader who was ignored by the Congress.

I am so happy Netaji could find his place in Delhi, if not as the Prime Minister, but as a national icon and fortuitously his statue replaces that of the British King George V. Is there a symbolism here?

It appears, that after removing the statue of King George V, the Congress wanted either Nehru's or Gandhiji's statue to be placed there! Though, they had many statues already. If Congress had won the 2014 election, sure Nehru would have been there under that canopy. Bad luck for the dynasty. Well, may be God has his own way of rewarding the deserving in any walk of life.

By the way I had the rare opportunity to visit Netaji's memorial in Tokyo, Japan, where I stood in silence for a while as my inner voice whispered: This was the man who fought the mighty and gave his all for my country's today and tomorrow.

Let me remember his clarion calls those days — Give me your blood, I will give you freedom.

The patriotic slogan, *Jai Hind*, was also coined by Netaji.

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City Police hold rehearsal for Republic Day celebration

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (RK&DM)- With the Republic Day celebrations (Jan. 26) just two days away, the City Police held a full-scale rehearsal at Bannimantap Parade Grounds here this morning, for the third straight day. Today was the last-day of the three-day rehearsal.

All the wings of the City and District Police, including CAR, DAR, KSRP, Mounted Police, Traffic and Civil, Women Police etc., took part in the rehearsal. The rehearsal was guided by CAR DCP Shivaraj.

The Republic Day celebration will be low-key affair this year due to the third wave of attack of the deadly COVID pandemic.

Also, there will be no participation of school children and there will be no cultural events either.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar will unfurl the National Flag at Bannimantap Parade Grounds on the morning of Jan. 26 and address the participants. Meanwhile, the authorities have banned use of plastic flags for Republic Day celebration.

Milk Producers Union Secretary arrested for adulteration

Maddur, Jan. 24 (Mohan Raj)- The Maddur Police have arrested the Secretary of K. Honnalagere Milk Producers Union on charges of adulteration of milk by mixing some fat content boosting chemicals, that was being supplied to Mandya Milk Union Limited (ManMUL).

The arrested has been identified as Ankaraju.

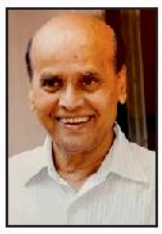
Ankaraju has been arrested on charges of adulterating 4 milk cans out of the 35 that was supplied from K. Honnalagere Milk Producers Union in Maddur taluk to ManMUL at Gejjalagere on Jan. 8.

Soon as milk adulteration was found, Ankaraju, who served as Secretary of K. Honnalagere Milk Producers Union, wrote a letter to ManMUL authorities admitting his wrongdoing and sought pardon. But ManMUL Managing Director Dr. P.R. Rajesh lodged a complaint with the Maddur Police. Soon as a case was booked against him, Ankaraju went absconding. But the Maddur Police succeeded in tracing him, following which he was arrested.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that Ankaraju was in the past booked under Food Safety Act and was also served a notice for adulteration of milk. But Ankaraju is said to have continued with his misdeeds, which forced the ManMUL authorities to lodge a Police complaint against him.

Obituary

Jagadish Munnur



Mysuru, Jan. 24- Jagadish Munnur (75), Partner of Sharada Jewellery Mart at Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

A resident of Gokulam, he leaves behind his wife, one daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Heli Tourism project takes off; MoUs inked

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Stating that KSTDC will help secure permission to use Government-owned heliports, Pandey said, "Promotion of Heli Tourism will be done through the Tourism Department and KSTDC's websites and social media platforms."

The service providers will need to provide Heli Tourism services at the notified locations. They should operate 50 trips of passenger services per year during the first two years and 100 trips per year after that.

Officials said that there are grand plans to bring in the hospitality sector at various tourist destinations, especially hotels under the project. This will also give a boost to the tourism industry that has taken a severe beating owing to COVID-19 and the restrictions imposed by the Government.

It may be recalled here that in April last year, the Karnataka Tourism Department, under Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar had proposed the Heli Tourism project in parts of the State, beginning with Mysuru. The project ran into rough weather after environment activists and the erstwhile royal family of Mysore objected to the proposal to cut trees around the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel for the project.

They argued that promoting Heli Tourism by constructing a helipad next to Lalita Mahal is not viable for attracting tourists to Mysuru and bad for sustainable development as over 60 acres of land surrounding Lalitha Mahal is diverse with vegetation and a home to 180 species of butterflies.

Title deeds for 10,060 houses in February: Minister Somanna

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"As we have a stable BJP Government both in the State and the Centre, there would be no problems in the implementation of the project. There is no sense of any insecurity concerning the State Government and everything is going on smoothly and no one should have any adverse thoughts about it," Somanna said.

Dismissing reports of groups among BJP legislators as baseless, he said that pep talks between legislators are common among all political parties these days. It does not mean that there is discontentment in the ruling dispensation.

Replying to a question on Congress charges that the State Government had failed to provide houses for the poor, Somanna shot back saying that the BJP Government was rectifying the mistakes that the previous Congress Government had done.

He hit out at former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah for making baseless charges and observed that the former CM lacked knowledge and also failed to get inputs and statistics regarding various housing projects. MP Pratap Simha, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, former Corporator Nandeesh Preetham and others were present.

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Discovering alphabets of old Kodava script

Two inscriptions, previously assumed to be in mixed language, contain a unique character set

By Mookonda Nitin Kushalappa
Engineer, Historian, Author and Researcher

In his 1914 revised *Coorg Inscriptions* volume of the *Epigraphy Carnatica* book series, B.L. Rice has listed two peculiar 14th century inscriptions. These were deciphered for Rice by Narasimhachar and Krishna Shastri. Many have dismissed the inscriptions to be a mixture of scripts and languages. It beats logic for an inscription to use a mixture of languages rather than a single language itself.

I have managed to separate the characters in the inscription and group them into an alphabet. The alphabet is midway between an intermediate transitional 'Grantha' script and the 'Tulu-Tigalari' script. It is related to the 14th century Tamil letters. Since the two inscriptions were found in two prominent temples of Kodagu, I would prefer to call the script **'Thirke', after the Kodava word for a temple.** An online organisation called 'Indian Roots Polyglots' calls this "old Kodava script."

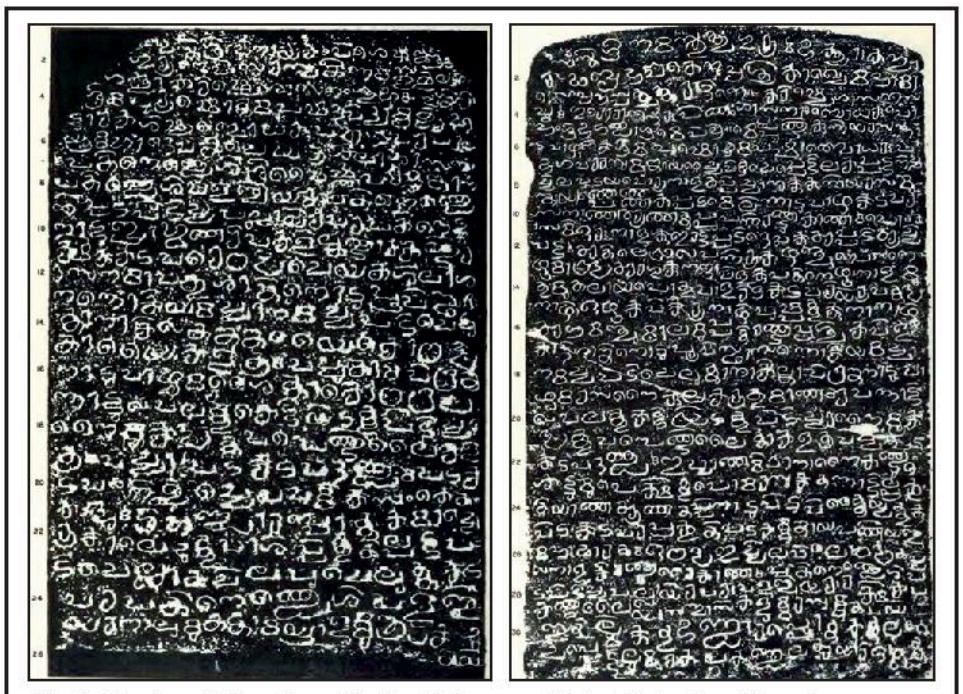
Narasimhachar had noted in the *'Coorg Inscriptions'* that the 14th century inscriptions' "characters are a jumble of Grantha, Malayalam, Tamil and a few Vatteluttu. There is no doubt about portions being in Tamil, but other portions are in a language that is neither Malayalam nor Tulu but is related to them. I think the inscriptions are older than 1400 AD. Some of the characters appear to go back to the 11th century."

Tamil-Kodagu, Tamil-Malayalam

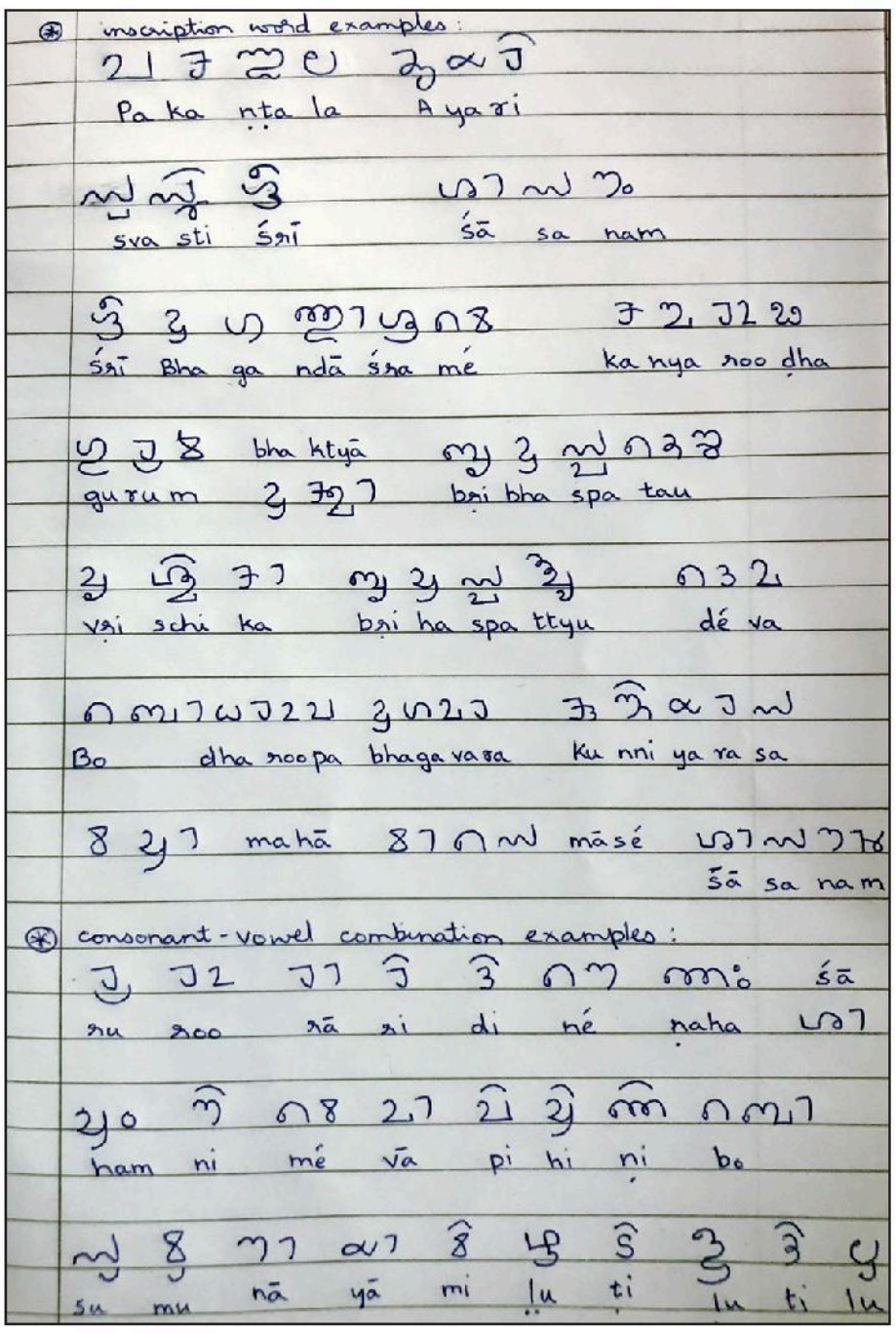
The Kodava language is the descendant of the Tamil-Kodagu branch of the Dravidian language family. Tamil-Kodagu is older than Tamil-Malayalam, the parent of the Malayalam language.

The 'Brahmi' script was used all over ancient India. Variants of it were used in South India. There were the 'Kadamba' and the 'Pallava' scripts, named after ruling dynasties of their ages. **The Kadamba script gave rise to the Kannada and the Telugu scripts.** The Pallava script gave rise to Tamil and Grantha. These in turn were related to the 'Vatteluttu' and the 'Tulu-Tigalari' scripts. The 'Tulu-Tigalari' script itself is a descendant of the 'Grantha' script.

However, neither is the 'Thirke' (or old Kodava) script itself modern 'Tulu-Tigalari' nor is the language used modern Kodava. The Kodava and the Tamil languages don't have long consonants, unlike most other Indian languages. But the old Kodava script itself has a few long consonants. We can safely say that the language used is a lost language that was an ancestor of or at least related to the modern Kodava language.



Pic.1: The inscription found in the Palurappa (Palur Mahadeva) temple.
Pic.2: The inscription found in the Bhagandeshwara temple.
[Source: 'Coorg inscriptions' 1914 compiled by B.L. Rice]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sva sti śrī śā sa nam
śrī Bha ga ndā śra mé ka nya roo ḍha
bha ktyā
gu ru m bṛi bha spa tau
vṛi schi ka bṛi ha spa ttyu dé va
Bo dha roo pa bhaga va ra Ku nni ya ra sa
ma hā mā sé
śā sa nam
consonant-vowel combination examples:
ru roo rā ri di né ṇaha
ham ni mé vā pi hi ṇi bo
su mu nā yā mi lu ti lu ti lu

Inscription word examples.

The earliest inscriptions found in Kodagu date back to the 9th and 10th centuries and are in Kannada. An 888 AD stone inscription found in Biliyur village mentions a 'Kadanga', a defensive earthwork barricade against enemy soldiers and elephants unique to Kodagu and made by the Kodavas.

Eight householder families

The same inscription, along with a few later ones, mentions the 'Entu Okkal' or the eight householder families, who held some power in the region. An 'Okkal' is a land-owning agriculturist family. It corresponds to the Kodava word 'Okka.' These eight families could correspond to the eight 'seeme thakkas' (regional chieftain families) of Kodagu — eight hereditary chieftain families **(Kallera, Bollera, Pardanda, Pandira, Mathanda, Buduvanda, Porera and Paruvanda).**

The two 14th century inscriptions of Kodagu are dated around 1370-1371 AD. Both state that the king or overlord is 'Bodharoopa Bhagavar' who issued the two edicts. The Bhagamandala inscription mentions that the ruler of that 'nad' (region) is Melpundi Kunniyarasa. The name Kunniyarasa means 'little ruler.'

The two inscriptions were found in the Bhagandeshwara Temple of Bhagamandala and the Mahalingeshwara Temple of Palur. Both temples are Shaiva temples. Both the inscriptions begin with the Sanskrit words 'Svasti Sri', which mean 'Be it well'. **This is similar in meaning to the term 'Baalo' with which most Kodava folk songs begin.**

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PM unveils Netaji's hologram statue at India Gate in Delhi

Forgotten heroes of India's freedom struggle now being remembered: Narendra Modi

New Delhi, Jan. 24 (Agencies)- India began its Republic Day celebrations from Jan. 23, a first, to include the 125th birth anniversary of late freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

To mark the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the hologram statue of Netaji at India Gate in New Delhi — under the cupola where the statue of British monarch King George V once stood — amid much fanfare and pomp. The hologram will stay in place till the time the work for the "grand statue" of Netaji, made of granite, is completed.

Holograms are virtual three-dimensional images created by the interference of light beams that reflect real physical objects. Holography, the science of creating these images, is a unique method of photography whereby 3D objects are recorded using a laser and then restored as precisely as possible to match the originally recorded object. When illuminated via a laser, holograms are able to form an exact 3D clone of the object and duplicate its features.

Unlike a conventional film on a standard screen, a 3D hologram can be viewed from all sides. This means that the observer can walk around the projected image, providing a realistic experience.

Netaji's hologram measures 28 feet high and 6 feet wide and will be powered by a 4K projector capable of delivering brightness levels of 30,000 lumens. An invisible, high gain, 90 percent transparent holographic screen has been erected in a way that it is not visible to visitors.

Addressing a gathering after unveiling a hologram statue, Modi said no power in the world can prevent the country from achieving its goal of building a 'new India' before the hundredth year of independence in 2047.

"The role of our heroes, whose memories were being erased post-Independence are now being revived," he said at the inauguration. In what appeared a swipe at the successive Congress Governments since Independence, PM Modi said: "It is unfortunate that after Independence, along with the culture and rites of the country, work was done to erase the contribution of many great personalities."

Then underscoring the point, he said, "The freedom struggle involved the penance of lakhs of countrymen. But efforts were made to limit their history as well. But today, after decades of independence, the country is correcting those mistakes".

"It is my good fortune that last year, on this very day, I had the opportunity to visit Netaji's ancestral residence in Kolkata... The car in which he left Kolkata, the room in which he used to study, the stairs of his house, the walls of his house, seeing him, that experience is beyond words," PM Modi said. "Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav resolves that India will revive its identity and inspirations," PM Modi said.

R-Day Parade: Army to showcase evolution of uniforms and rifles

New Delhi, Jan. 24 (UNI)- The Republic Day (R-Day) marching contingents of the Indian Army on Rajpath this year will showcase different uniforms evolved over the years, starting from 1950 to 2022, Maj. Gen. Alok Kakkar said on Sunday.

There will be 16 marching contingents in Republic Day Parade on Rajpath this year, with each contingent comprising 96 soldiers, instead of 144. This is done to ensure strict compliance to COVID-related protocols, Kakkar said at a virtual briefing to defence journalists on Sunday.

"There will be four marching contingents of the Central Armed Police Forces, one each of Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, two contingents of NCC, one each of Delhi Police and NSS," he added.

"Out of the six marching contingent of the Indian Army, the first marching contingent will be of Rajput Regiment with 1950s Army uniform and .303 rifles. The second contingent will be of Assam Rifles wearing 1960s uniform and carrying the same .303 rifles. The third contingent will be of Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry wearing 1970s Army uniform," Maj. Gen. Alok Kakkar said.

He said the fourth Army contingent will be of Sikh Light Infantry, the fifth one will be of Army Ordnance Corps, and the sixth Indian Army contingent will be of the elite Parachute Regiment, who will wear the new combat uniform unveiled on Army Day recently and will carry Tavor rifle. The weapons and equipment shown during the Republic Day Parade will be a mix of vintage as well as state-of-the-art indigenous weapons.

Kodava script

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Edicts of Bhagamandala and Palur

The Bhagamandala edict goes as follows. On a Friday, when Jupiter was in Virgo, during the month of Scorpio, the Bhagamandala inscription is created. A penalty is stated for stopping the daily expenses. Even the ruler Kunniyarasa is not spared of this penalty. Curses are placed upon those who don't pay for the daily expenses of the temple. Even if the king doesn't punish one who doesn't pay, he is to be cursed by the people. The 'arm-bearing thousands' (soldiers) of the 18 regions and merchants are to protect the temple. Blessings are pronounced upon the ascetics and the king. A mention of a copper plate and a treasury register (both of which went missing over the centuries) is also made.

The Palur edict begins with a prayer to Vinayaka (Ganesh) and Saraswathi.

'Bodharoopa' is mentioned to be the disciple of a particular guru and to have made the stone inscription to the Mahadeva (Shiva) of Palayur. A curse is pronounced upon those who don't pay for the daily expenses. The edict is made for the Srivaishnava, the merchants, the arm-bearing thousands, and the Brahmans of the 18 regions who may see and maintain it. The merchants will read out loudly the daily expenses once a year and check the temple accounts. This edict is unsigned, unlike the Bhagamandala one.

Srivaishnava was a general South Indian term for people who rendered services to

Inscription found in Vitla Palace Garden.

a temple, such as guarding it, being the torchbearer (like the Mukkati families in Kodagu), managing its festive activities (like the 'deva thakka' families in Kodagu), etc.

Palayur and Vaganda

Palur is called 'Palayur' while Bhagamandala is also called 'Bhaganda Ashrama' and 'Vaganda' in the two inscriptions. The Bhagamandala inscription has been signed as 'Pakandala Ayari elattu' (the writing of the Bhagandalaya Achari). 'Pakandala' and 'Bhagandalaya' are other names for Bhagamandala. The modern Kodava word for writing is 'elt', which could have arisen from the word 'elattu.'

'Achari' is a name used by priests and members of the Vishwakarma community. People of the Vishwakarma community served as metal, stone and woodworkers such as carpenters, smiths and stonemasons. Usually, a carpenter or a foreman was called an Achari.

It is interesting to note that Kodagu has a community of Kodava speaking smiths called the 'Airi.' The word 'Ayari' seems to indicate that the word 'Airi' arose from the term 'Achari.' Hence, the title 'Pakandala Ayari' could simply mean, the 'Airi from Bhagamandala.'

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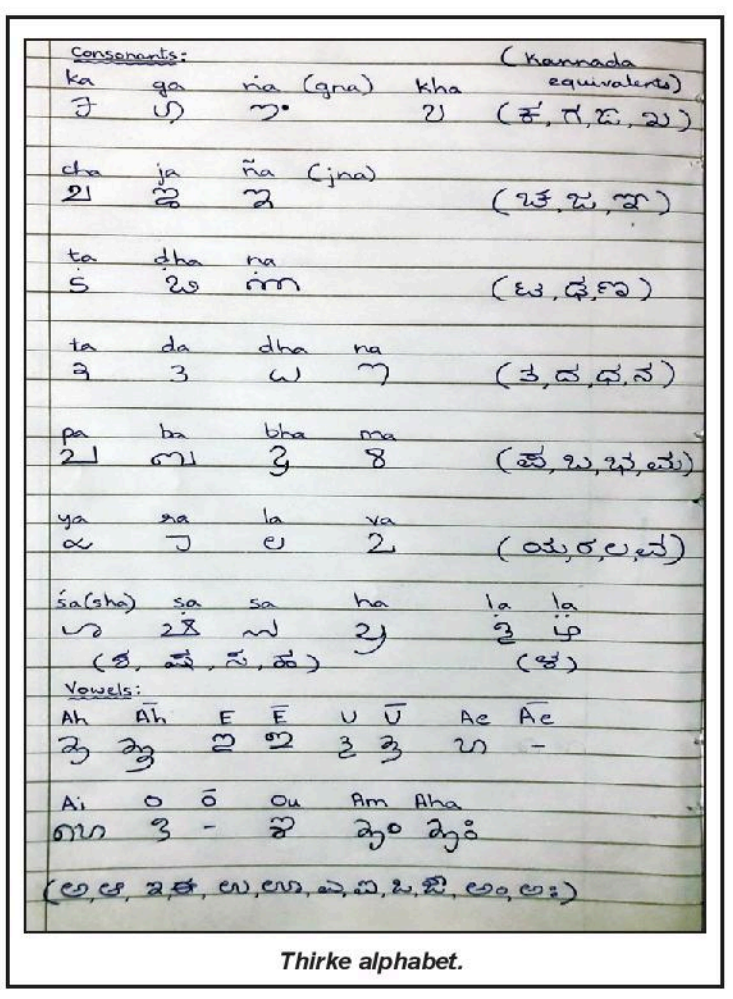
Consonants:
(Kannada equivalents)
ka ga ṅa (gna) kha
(ಕ, ಗ, ಙ, ಖ)
cha ja ña (jna)
(ಚ, ಜ, ಞ)
ta ḍha ṇa
(ಟ, ಢ, ಣ)
ta da dha na
(ತ, ದ, ಧ, ನ)
pa ba bha ma
(ಪ, ಬ, ಭ, ಮ)
ya ra la va
(ಯ, ರ, ಲ, ವ)
śa(sha) ṣa sa ha ḷa ḻa
(ಶ, ಷ, ಸ, ಹ)
(ಳ)
Vowels:
Ah Āh E Ē U Ū Ae Āe
Ai O Ō Ou Am Aha
(ಅ, ಆ, ಇ, ಈ, ಉ, ಊ, ಎ, ಏ, ಒ, ಓ, ಅಂ, ಅಃ)

Thirke alphabet.

WORD OF THE DAY

Vivisection

Pronunciation: vi-*və*-ˈsek-sh*ə*n.
Meaning: The cutting of or operation on a living animal usually for physiological or pathological investigation broadly : animal experimentation especially if considered to cause distress to the subject; minute or pitiless examination or criticism: the act of operating on living animals (especially in scientific research).
Origin: Vivisection includes the Latin root sect, meaning "cut". The Greek physician Galen, who lived during the 2nd century A.D., practiced vivisection on live monkeys and dogs to learn such things as the role of the spinal cord in muscle activity and whether veins and arteries carry air or blood; his findings formed the basis of medical practice for more than a thousand years. Vivisection continues to be used in drug and medical research today, but often in secret, since it makes most people very uncomfortable and some groups are violently opposed to it.
Example: The man's fate and the woman's are said to have been sealed by a secret ritual; vivisection is supposed to be the man's ultimate act of love toward her. — Emmanuel Ordóñez Angulo

THE ODD WORD

Vagitus

Baby's cry or wail.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

In over your head

Meaning: The phrase 'In over Your Head' is used when one is too deeply involved with something or someone, or has more difficulties or problems than one can manage.
Origin: Most of us have been in over our heads at some point. It makes sense that the origin of the idiom 'in over your head' can be found in antiquity; it is believed to have been first used sometime during the 1600s. As few average Europeans could swim during this period, being in water deeper than one's head was to be in serious trouble.
Example: "Go ahead and lead the meeting today; I'll help you out if you get in over your head."

QUOTE BOX

Confidence is like a dragon where, for every head cut off, two more heads grow back. — **Criss Jami**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

T_RN

Answer: No U turn.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Gumshoe or investigator
4 Timid, bashful
7 Concerning the nose
9 Vermin, rats, cockroaches, et al.
12 South Indian state
13 Not reactive; passive
14 A rare metallic element
15 Mistakes, blunders or bloomers
17 "Yen" anagram for famous French marshal
18 Great Muslim leader
20 Japanese Air Lines, in short
21 Architect Saarinen
22 Movers' needs
23 Telling, indoctrinating or training
27 Crop or cut?
28 Wander about aimlessly
29 Seminary deg.
30 Eskimo boat
32 Central Maintenance Comp.
35 Occult theosophy
37 Strictness
39 ___ to : adhered closely to?
40 Snobbish
41 Sun hat - "a rite" changed?
42 North African country
43 Curve
44 Elite military force

DOWN
1 Belated
2 Actor Morales
3 Pipe for Red Indians from N. America - "cut meal" anagram?
4 Caught sight of
5 Retired tennis star Leconte
6 Belgian river
7 Hawaiian goose
8 Actress Hedy
10 This Horse was a hollow invader
11 "Grants" anagram for Zimbabwe's spinner?
12 Relatives, family
16 Satellite Landing Sys.
19 Muslim nymph
21 The sixth sense, in short
22 Vitality
23 Undivided
24 Spry or agile
25 Rough, not smooth
26 Receipts, especially as a profit
27 Tenth std. exams
30 Relating to a forearm bone
31 Sorcery
32 Cages for keeping poultry
33 Jeff's comic-strip partner?
34 Shed tears
36 An invisible or subtle emanation
38 Spanish painter

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	I	A	■	C	E	L	L	■	■	T	T	S
A	D	V	■	O	P	A	L	S	■	O	W	E
L	E	E	■	M	I	S	D	O	■	F	I	T
C	A	C	T	I	■	■	■	M	O	U	N	T
■	■	■	I	C	C	■	M	E	N	■	■	■
B	O	O	N	■	H	I	E	■	O	L	G	A
I	D	A	■	■	A	P	E	■	■	E	E	N
B	A	K	E	■	O	S	T	■	H	Y	M	N
■	■	■	E	O	S	■	S	O	U	■	■	■
C	A	E	C	A	■	■	■	O	R	D	E	R
P	U	L	■	H	E	R	T	Z	■	A	Y	E
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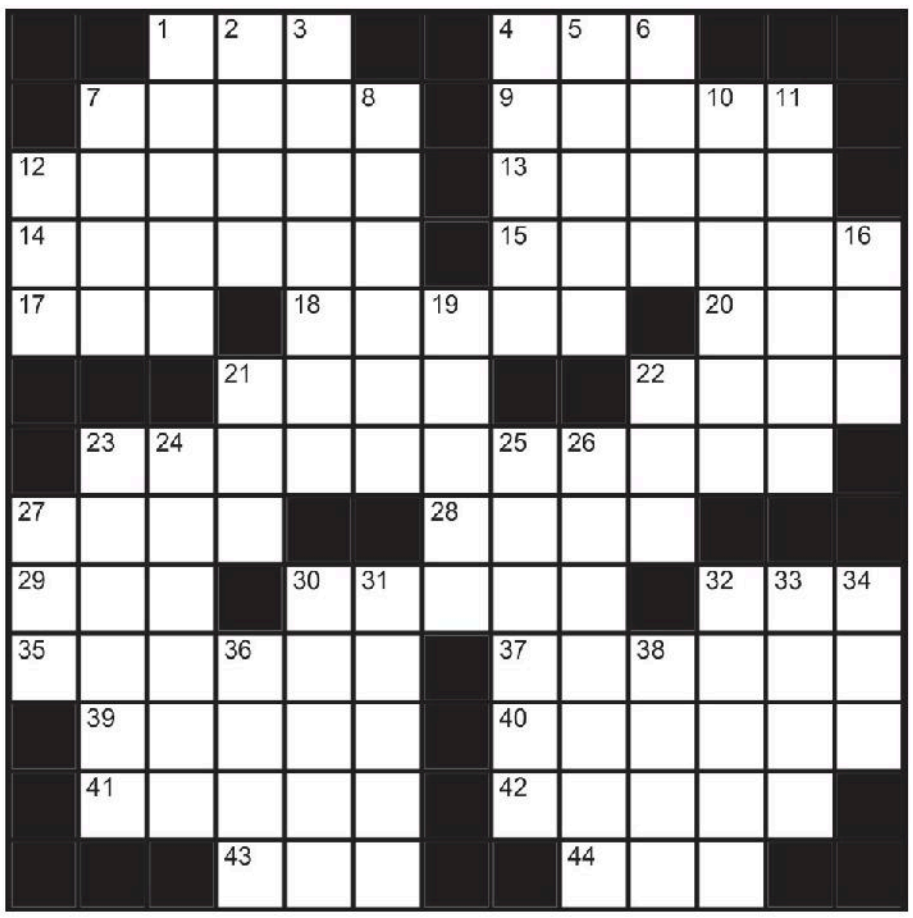

SUDOKU

						3	9	
9	6			8	5		4	
7					9			
	7	6	9		1			
	4						1	
			8		3	2	7	
			5					4
	1		6	3			2	8
	9	2						

Answer to previous puzzle

7	9	1	6	5	2	4	3	8
5	8	4	9	7	3	2	1	6
6	3	2	1	4	8	7	9	5
4	7	8	5	9	6	1	2	3
2	6	5	4	3	1	9	8	7
9	1	3	8	2	7	6	5	4
1	5	6	2	8	4	3	7	9
3	4	9	7	1	5	8	6	2
8	2	7	3	6	9	5	4	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NOUZU FB ESRV ESU VEJ... MES'N VEJ MIZU GOISKU

DJBN CUGIJBU VEJ'ZU EJNSJWCUZUM.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS Y

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When an ordinary man attains knowledge he is a sage. When a sage attains understanding he is an ordinary man.

IIT Bombay's start-up contest

Mysuru-based tech start-up makes it to semi-finals

Mysuru, Jan. 24- SportiWe, a new generation sports networking start-up based out of Mysuru, makes it to top list to compete against other innovative start-ups in the country at Start-up event (The Ten Minute Million 2022) organised by E-Cell, IIT Bombay.

The event revolutionises by giving start-ups an opportunity to impress panellists with the start-up idea and can be backed with Rs. 2 million in just 10 minutes.

Registration to the event began last month, declaration of semi-finalists was done on Jan. 21, 2022 where SportiWe was declared as a semi-finalist to participate to move to the final round to be held in Mumbai on Feb. 6.

SportiWe, founded by Varun Gururaja, Amey Dalvi, K.S. Gururaja and Santhosh Gowda in 2021, is a concept turned reality of making people connect with people of similar sporting interest nearby.

SportiWe is a mobile and web-based application currently open for pre-registered users and will be made available for everyone on marketplaces as soon as the beta testing is completed. People who want to beat the queue and join the online sporting community, they can still pre-register on ***www. sportiwe.com***

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	(S-4)	3.40 pm
Spiderman: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.00 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 4.10 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm
83 (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-4)	6.55 pm

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	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 4.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
	(S-3)	2.35 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 5.40 pm
Spiderman: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 2.25 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	(S-4)	6.00 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	:	2.50 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	:	3.05 pm
83 (H)	:	6.10 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	1 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	:	11 am
Hridayam (Ma)	:	5.50 pm
Pushpa: The Rise - Part 1(K)	:	2.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Rotary Ivory City Mysuru honours Service Above Self Awardee

Rtn. Dr. M.V. Ravikumar, Service Above Self Awardee, is seen with Rtn. V.N. Prasad, Rtn. R. Venkatesh, Rtn. S.R. Swamy, Rtn. L. Venkatesh, Dist. Governor Rtn. A.R. Ravindra Bhat, Rotary Ivory City Mysuru President Rtn. Iftikar Ahamed and Hon. Secretary Rtn. Latha Sachi.

Mysuru, Jan. 24- Rotary Ivory City Mysuru showcased their service projects in the areas of Education, Economic Development, Health-Care and Peace at the District Governor's Official visit to their Club.

On this occasion, they honoured Rtn. Dr. M.V. Ravikumar from Rotary Bengaluru Koramangala who had recently received Service Above Self award from Rotary International, the highest honour given to any Rotarian by Rotary, for serving the cause of Blindness Prevention consistently over 20 years, supporting over 40,000 cataract surgeries and 150 children eye surgeries apart from donating equipment to eye hospitals, totally valued at over Rs.10 crore.

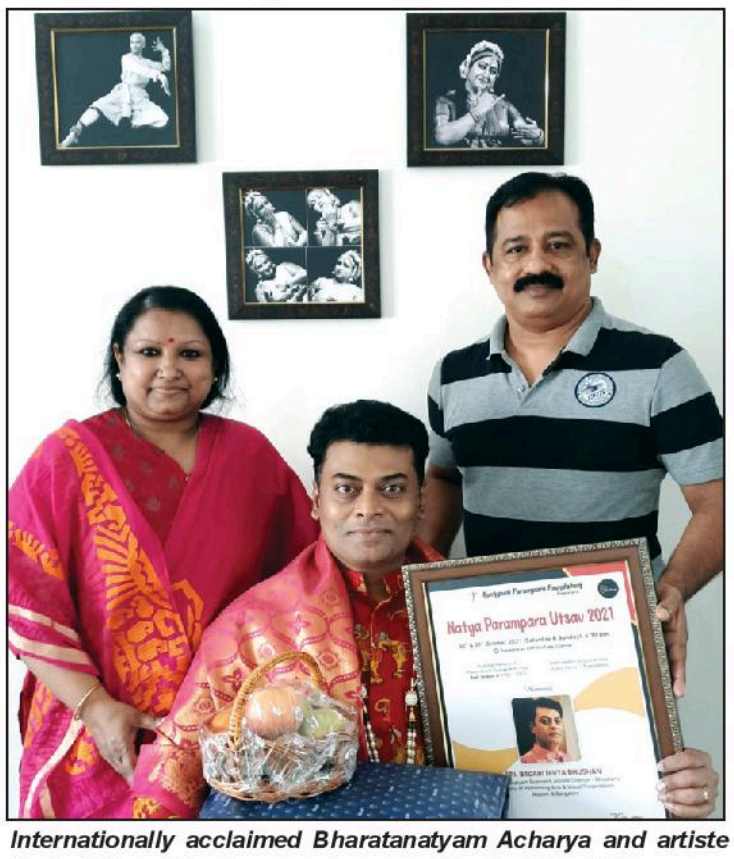
Rtn. Dr. Ravikumar had closely worked with Rotary Ivory City Mysuru and Usha Kiran Eye Hospital in developing the project — Ivory Tender Vision — to support screening of 5,000 Government School children and give the needy one free spectacles and operate the 40 children with cataract, squint or lazy eye.

Dr. Ravikumar had already operated 30 children and provided spectacles for 300 children so far apart from treating 40 adult patients with Diabetic/ Retinopathy, under this project two equipments worth nearly Rs. 22 lakh were donated by Rotary Ivory City Mysuru to Usha Kiran Eye Hospital.

District Governor Rtn. Ravindra Bhat visited the hospital along with President Rtn. Iftikar Ahamed, Past Asst. Governor Rtn. Sunil Baliga, Secretary Rtn.Latha Sachi and several District officials.

Dr. Ravishankar made a comprehensive presentation about the project and the Rotary officials interacted with the parents of the children who were operated under this project.

City Bharatanatyam Acharya honoured



Internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam Acharya and artiste Badari Divya Bhushan was honoured by Kuchipudi Parampara Foundation Directors Deepa Narayanan Sashindran and Shashindran at the recently concluded Natya Parampara Utsav-2021. Badari Divya Bhushan heads Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation which has branches at Mysuru and Bengaluru.

PRO KABADDI

Today's Matches (JAN. 24)

Bengal Warriors Vs **Pink Panthers**	7.30 pm
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Tomorrow's Matches (JAN. 25)

Haryana Steelers Vs **Gujarat Giants**	7.30 pm
Telugu Titans Vs **Patna Pirates**	8.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

UP Yoddha	35
Lose to	
Haryana Steelers	36
Telugu Titans	31
Lose to	
Bengaluru Bulls	36

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